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REMARKS- General

Reference is made to the interview of July 6, 2004, in which the invention was demonstrated to the Examiner. At this meeting, ways in which the claims could be amended to be more definite were discussed. The amendments of this response are based on that discussion, together with the Office Action of September 8, 2004.

In the September 8, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-13, 15-17, and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). However, claims 14 and 18 were designated as allowable subject matter, objected to only as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (O.A. Paragraph 13; page 12).

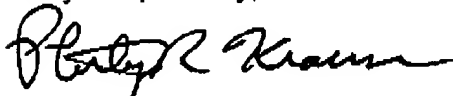
In the current response, the Applicant has addressed this objection with respect to original claim 14. New claim 23 includes all the limitations of original claim 1, plus the limitations of original claim 14 (which was directly dependent upon original claim 1). New claims 43 and 44 are system and device claims re-written in analogous fashion, as suggested by the Examiner.

The new dependent claims 24-42 are more detailed descriptions of the outline and its elements from original claim 1, and the size information from original claim 14, and are all derived from the original specification.

Conclusion

The applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action he respectfully solicits.

Very Respectfully,



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